

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-37 are pending herein with Claims 11-37 withdrawn due to a restriction requirement. Claims 1 and 3-10 are rejected. Responsive to each paragraph of the Office Action, the Applicant has the following remarks:

35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,763,114 to Khandkar. The Applicant has amended Claim 1 so as to define the manifold more clearly. *See, e.g.*, paragraph [0045] of the specification. The Applicant asserts that the cited reference simply does not describe such a manifold or the fuel cell power system as a whole.

35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khandkar in view of U.S. patent No. 4,729,931 to Grimble. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection for the reason described above.

Claims 6 and 10 were rejected under Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khandkar in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0022050 to Barton. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection for the reasons described above.

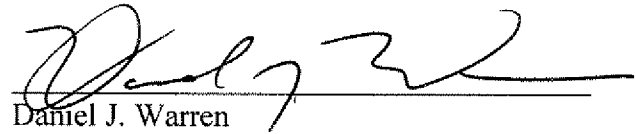
Claims 7 and 8 were rejected under Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khandkar in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,087,076 to

Marrow. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection for the reasons described above.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant believes it has responded to each matter raised in the Office Action. Allowance of all claims is respectfully solicited. Any questions may be directed to the undersigned at 1.404.853.8028.

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